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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KRISTIENSEN ET AL.

Examiner

Mohammad A Siddiqi

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 December 2000.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-33 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 22 December 2000 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-28 are presented for examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hanco et al. (6,438,141) (hereinafter Hanco) in view of Nagami et al. (6,598,080) (hereinafter Nagami).

4. As per claims 1,12, and 23, Hanco discloses a method for monitoring a network (col 4, lines 44-60) comprising:

receiving (col 7, lines 6-9) at least one data (col 4, line 23) packet (col 6, lines 64-66);

reading (col 14, lines 53-55) an entry of a memory device (col 6, lines 9-13), the entry of the memory device (col 7, lines 6-9) a first statistical value (col 14, lines 55-58) and a second statistical value (col 14, lines 55-58);

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determining (col 14, lines 59-60) a third statistical value (col 14, lines 59-67 and col 15, lines 1-3), the first statistical value (col 14, lines 55-67), and the second statistical value (col 14, lines 55-67); and

determined third statistical value (col 15, lines 1-10).

Hanko fails to disclose specifically storing the value in a packet or memory device, the one of a content of the at least one data packet contains statistical value.

However, Nagami discloses storing the value in a packet or memory device (col 4, lines 1-8), the one of a content of the at least one data packet contains statistical value (fig 37, lines 5-10).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention is made to combine Hanko with Nagami because it would provide a technique for predicting future bandwidth requirements of the sources based on the historical information.

5. As per claims 2,13 and 24, Hanko discloses the at least one data packet (col 6, lines 64-66) contains a set of data bits (col 9, lines 35-37),

wherein the first statistical value (col 11, line 8) includes a count of the received at least one data packet (col 11, lines 1-11), and

wherein the second statistical value (col 11, line 8) includes a count of a subset of data bits (col 11, lines 1-11) of the received at least one data packet (col 11, lines 1-11).

6. As per claims 3,14, and 25, Hanko discloses storing the determined third statistical value in the entry of the memory device overwrites one of the first statistical value and the second statistical value (col 14, lines 59-60).
7. As per claims 4,15, and 26, Hanko discloses at least one data packet (col 6, lines 64-66) comprises at least one of SONET, ATM, Ethernet, HDLC, PPP, IP, TCP, and UDP data packet (col 8, lines 1-9).
8. As per claims 5,16, and 27, Hanko discloses the third statistical value comprises updates (col 13, lines 65-66) to at least one of the first statistical value and the second statistical value (col 13, lines 59-67 and col 14, lines 1-15).
9. As per claims 6,17, and 28, Hanko discloses the third statistical value updates at least one of the first statistical value and the second statistical value by at least one of incrementing and decrementing the first statistical value and the second statistical value (col 11, lines 1-11), respectively, by a value (col 14, lines 59-60).
10. As per claims 7,18, and 29, Hanko discloses the third statistical value updates at least one of the first statistical value and the second statistical value by adding a value to the first statistical value (col 9, lines 5-8) and the second statistical value, respectively (col 14, lines 59-60).

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11. As per claims 8,19, and 30, Hanko discloses the value comprises a negative value (col 14, lines 59-67).

12. As per claims 9,20,and 31, Hanko discloses the entry of the memory device is associated with the received data packet (col 8, lines 54-65).

13. As per claims 10,21,and 32, Hanko discloses the subset of data bits of the received data packet comprises 8 data bits of the received data packet (col 9, lines 35-45).

14. As per claims 11,22, and 33, Hanko discloses the third statistical value updates at least one the first statistical value and the second statistical value (col 15, lines 1-15) by correcting an error (col 16, lines 1-25) in the at least one of the first statistical value and the second statistical value (col 14, lines 59-67 and col 15, lines 1-15).

Conclusion

15. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

U.S Patent 5,884,255 to Cox et al.

U.S. Patent 6,529,901 to Chaudhuri et al.

U.S. Patent 6,330,603 to Seki et al.

U.S. Patent 5,684,945 to Chen et al.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mohammad A Siddiqi whose telephone number is (703) 305-0353. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John A Follansbee can be reached on (703) 305-8498. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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